UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MAVE HOTEL INVESTORS LLC d/b/a THE MAVE HOTEL,

Plaintiff,

-and-

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOLDERS OF COMM 2013-CCRE12 MORTGAGE TRUST COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, by and through its special servicer, LNR PARTNERS, LLC,

-against-

CERTAIN UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYD'S, LONDON, and HDI GLOBAL SPECIALTY SE, individually and severally subscribed to Commercial Property Insurance Policy No. DCESP01372-02,

Defendants.

21-CV-8743 (JGLC)

ORDER

JESSICA G. L. CLARKE, United States District Judge:

The Court received Plaintiff's letter regarding diversity jurisdiction. ECF No. 181. The letter proposes that the Court allow Plaintiff to amend its Complaint to remove non-diverse parties and bring suit against Plaintiff-Intervenor or, in the alternative, allow Plaintiff-Intervenor to amend its Intervenor Complaint and add Plaintiff as a defendant. The Court has concerns with each option. For the first option, Plaintiff fails to explain whether the Court has the authority to order Plaintiff to amend its Complaint when the parties admit that diversity jurisdiction is lacking and was lacking when this action was filed. Although it is clear that a federal court may allow a complaint to be amended to assert necessary facts where those facts existed all along, it is not clear whether the Court may direct the parties to amend their pleadings where, as here, the Court

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lacked subject matter jurisdiction at the inception of the matter. See Roche Cyrulnik Freedman

LLP v. Cyrulnik, 582 F. Supp. 3d 180, 187 (S.D.N.Y. 2022) ("[W]hile a plaintiff can amend its

pleadings to cure defective jurisdictional allegations, a plaintiff's amended pleadings cannot cure

defective jurisdiction itself."). For the second option, Plaintiff has failed to submit any evidence

demonstrating that diversity jurisdiction existed at the time Plaintiff-Intervenor filed its

Intervenor Complaint.

As such, Plaintiff is ordered to submit a brief addressing the issues stated above by

February 9, 2024. Specifically, the brief should explain whether the Court and/or the parties

have the authority to cure defective diversity jurisdiction, per Plaintiff's proposals, when none

currently exists. The brief should further provide support that diversity jurisdiction existed at the

time Plaintiff-Intervenor filed its Intervenor Complaint. Finally, the brief must also describe the

basis of the Court's subject matter jurisdiction following the execution of both proposals.

Any other party seeking to be heard on this issue may file a brief addressing these issues

by February 16, 2024.

Dated: January 30, 2024

New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

JESSICA G. L. CLARKE

United States District Judge